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**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.     A piston cylinder assembly comprising:  
2                 a cylinder filled with a working medium, the cylinder being fitted with a  
3     piston rod guide and having at least one radially inward extending projection adjacent to  
4     the piston rod guide;  
5                 a piston rod and a piston installed in the cylinder with freedom of axial  
6     movement, the piston dividing the cylinder into a working space on the piston rod side  
7     and a working space away from the piston rod; and  
8                 a stop disk mounted on the piston rod adjacent to the piston, the stop disk  
9     being dimensioned to rest against the projection in the event of fire.
- 1           2.     A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 1 comprises non-throttling  
2     pass-through openings for the working medium in the working space on the piston rod  
3     side.
- 1           3.     A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 1 wherein said stop disk is a  
2     component of a piston valve.
- 1           4.     A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 1 further comprising a  
2     tension stop between said stop disk and said piston rod guide.
- 1           5.     A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 4 wherein said tension stop  
2     is made of an elastomeric material.